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MEMORANDUM FOR: Task Force on NSCID No. 1
Attention: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : First Draft of Revised NSCID No. 1

1. General Truscott and I have reviewed the first draft and we believe that while a good start has been made, the revision should be along slightly different lines and several changes are needed as detailed below.

2. We should assume that NSCID-1 is the key directive which establishes the organization and mission of the intelligence community in accordance with the law. This should obviously specifically cover the IAC and the DCI and perhaps parts of other directives should be included that would be on organization and missions. For example, there is a question as to whether NSCIDs 1 and 9 shouldn't be combined and whether the USCIB and the IAC might not be combined to provide just one intelligence committee. Perhaps the task force would prefer not to take this step until its second draft has been reviewed. However, I would suggest that in preparing its second draft the task force review all other directives to see whether there are items of organization and mission which should be included. In this connection, perhaps the task force composition should be broadened to include more representation from the DD/P area; we have in mind specifically [REDACTED] if the latter is available.

3. The task force should bear in mind that the Killian Board in its full report says that they do not believe "drastic change in the structure of the national intelligence organization" is required to enable the DCI "to exercise more positive coordinating responsibility" and that they believe the DCI can do this within the intent of existing laws. Consequently section 102 of the National Security Act should be a guide to the task force inasmuch as it establishes the DCI and the CIA under the NSC and specifically indicates Congressional intent that:

a. Departments and agencies continue to collect, evaluate, correlate and disseminate Departmental intelligence;

b. Make such intelligence available to the DCI for inspection and use;

c. DCI and CIA -

(1) exercise coordinating responsibility in the interest of national security;

(2) correlate, evaluate and disseminate intelligence relating to national security;

(3) perform additional services of common concern for the benefit of other agencies;

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(4) perform also other functions relating to intelligence security as NSC directs;

(5) have no police, law enforcement or internal security functions.

4. While I suggested in our preliminary session that the NSCIDs be drafted along the lines of ideal directives, I believe the task force could accomplish the same results with slightly less blunt language. The directive as now drafted gives the distinct impression that the CIA was moving in to take over everything. It would be far more preferable to give the impression that while the DCI is going to exercise "more positive coordinating responsibility", he will in doing this regard the CIA as just one of five major agencies doing specific jobs. In other words, the other agencies will be not only encouraged but required to produce satisfactory departmental intelligence, etcetera.

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